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On the 15th February, at 38, Seward Road, Shanghai, the wife of CHAS. G. HARRIS, of a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

On the 4th January, at St. Leonard's Parish Church, Streatham, by the Rev. W. H. Tasker, HARRY ERNEST SHADDETT, of Shanghai, China, to BEATRICE, daughter of the late HENRY HENRY, of Cheltenham.

DEATH.

On the 7th February, at S. Helen's, 20A Syed Alley Road, Newton, Singapore, LAURA HELEN, the wife of Dr. J. M. HANDY.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEVEREUX ROAD, C.I.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 23RD FEBRUARY, 1904

The questions as to neutrality and the rights and duties of neutrals which have arisen during the present brief duration of war between Japan and Russia are very numerous; in fact, more numerous by far than in the corresponding period of any other war in history. A few of the cases are specially noteworthy. China has proclaimed neutrality, for one, yet there is no chance of the neutrality of Manchuria being respected. Already the Russians are treating Newchwang as if it were on the same footing as Port Arthur. Thus, though Russia has not yet claimed the whole of Manchuria, it is certain that the entire province will be tacitly accounted by both combatants and by the watching Powers as a legitimate battle-ground. Corea again has proclaimed neutrality. But the Japanese at Chemulpo on the 9th instant refused to recognise this neutrality, and ordered the *Varyag* and *Korietz* out of the harbour, in spite, it seems, of the protests of the British, French, and Italian (but not of the United States) commanders in the port. Japan has since occupied Chemulpo and Seoul in great force. Corea, like Manchuria, will evidently be recognised as part of the theatre of war. This is definitely stated, indeed, in a Berlin telegram of the 16th

instant. Then, again, we get the question of the *Mandjour*, which has been lying at Shanghai since the outbreak of war. Last week the Chinese Government ordered her away, in correct pursuance of the rules of neutrality. But the commander refused to obey, and the Chinese had no means of obliging him to do so. Two rumours are current, one that the Japanese are about to send a cruiser or two up the river after the *Mandjour*—which is most unlikely—and the other that she has been sold to a third Power—which looks like a breach of neutrality. Another most important case, or rather series of cases, arising since war broke out, is that no less than four British steamers and one German have been fired upon by the Russians at Port Arthur. The most flagrant case was that of the *Fuying*, fully described in another column. It is not possible to believe that nothing more will be heard of these cases. More wanton and unmercenary attacks on harmless and unprotected steamers have never been made.

Still more interest attaches to the broader question in what way the various Powers will interpret their declarations of neutrality; particularly how Britain and France will do so in connection with their treaties with Japan and Russia respectively. The *Mainichi* published lately a telegram dated the 11th instant, apparently from Vienna, which stated that a member of the French Chamber of Deputies had arranged to interpellate the Government as to whether the Russo-French alliance extended to the Far East. M. DELCASSÉ, however, announced to the leaders of the various political parties that there was no danger of France becoming involved in the present struggle. He further declared that, even if a third Power intervenes, France will render only moral assistance to Russia. The Franco-Russian treaty, in fact, could not be regarded as applying to the Far East. This statement, if confirmed, is of the highest possible importance and sets at rest the gravest anxieties. If France were to feel bound to give Russian military co-operation in the Far East in certain events, then a general conflagration would be at least within measurable distance. If, on the other hand, she only considers moral support due from her to Russia, even in event of a third Power intervening in the struggle in the Far East, there need be no fear of any friction, or worse, arising between France and Great Britain. As to the latter's position, the Government has declared that it will act up to the fullest obligations of the treaty with Japan. Germany has declared strict neutrality. It is reported that of late the Press has conspicuously supported Japan's cause, and it is believed that the members of the Government now favour Japan. Germany's official declaration of neutrality was delayed because she never before has issued such a declaration, and therefore it was necessary first to consult with the Crown's attorneys in regard to its wording. Even the lesser Powers are following suit, and it is officially announced from Copenhagen that military steps have been taken to secure Denmark's neutrality. From some of the greater nations, it is true, such as Austria-Hungary and Italy, nothing so far has been heard, but the smallness of their present interests in the field of action no doubt makes them feel it unnecessary to hasten. In the other hemisphere there seems every ground to believe that, while the official attitude of the United States will be strictly impartial, the tendency of public opinion is more and more benevolent to Japan. The neutrality which promises to become universal is not going to be in favour of Russia, it seems.

The "London Comedy Company" is shortly expected to visit Hongkong.

The cases of communicable disease reported in the Colony last week were: enteric fever 2 (1 European, 1 Japanese, both imported); plague 1 (Chinese, fatal); small-pox 1 (European).

The visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 21st February, were 124 non-Chinese and 38 Chinese to the former, and 34 non-Chinese and 5,912 Chinese to the latter institution.

At a general meeting of the members of the E.A.O.B. Club on Saturday night, Mr. A. Lawrence, a very popular member of this pretty little club, was presented with a handsome souvenir on the occasion of his early departure from Hongkong for the old country, also with an envelope containing a substantial cheque. The members joined in wishing Mr. Lawrence a very pleasant holiday.

In the course of the hearing of a larceny case in the Supreme Court yesterday, the evidence in which showed that a mess-cook had stolen a sum of over \$200 which had been left in an unlocked drawer by a R.E. officer, Chief Justice Sir William Goodman remarked that the moral to be drawn from the case was that people should be careful not to leave large sums in unlocked places to the temptation of Chinese servants.

Owing to the absence of Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Acting Police Magistrate, his cases were heard by Mr. T. Sercombe Smith.

The *Manchester Dispatch* is informed that the Admiralty expect Japan to be victorious at sea during the first six months of the war.

The Russo-Chinese Bank at Yokohama has been attached in connection with the counter-claim brought by its ex-comptroller Yuan.

In response to an enquiry made by a reader, it seems that the authorised spelling of the name of France's consular post opposite Aden is either Djibouti (French) or Jibuti (English) not Jibouti or Jibuti.

According to the *P. and O. Times* the Russian force at Kalgan, which is overawing Peking, amounted on the 7th inst. to 572 men. There were 3,500 Chinese troops there. Mr. Lessar has again notified the Chinese Government that Russia is going to send troops to Tientsin and Peking to protect these places.

A Calcutta despatch, dated the 4th February, says:—The plague mortality continues to rise as the cold weather progresses. Last week there were 23,203 deaths reported, Bombay Presidency returning 6,341, the United Provinces 4,914, the Punjab 3,251, the Central Provinces 2,549, Central India 973, Bombay City 339, Karachi 125, Madras Presidency 908, Calcutta seventeen, Mysore 640, Hyderabad 644, Rajputana 135, Kashmir 63, and Aitchison one.

A breach of promise case has been commenced in the Supreme Court of Singapore, the plaintiff being Juliet Jausten, a telephone operator, and the defendant W. E. Patton, assistant sanitary inspector, who was stated to be in receipt of a salary of \$65 a month. From the evidence it appeared that the parties became engaged in March last year, and the engagement was broken off at the end of May. Plaintiff said her mother induced her to bring the action. Defendant's counsel suggested that the plaintiff expected to make a fortune out of the action. "The result of reading cheap novels," commented the Chief Justice. The case was adjourned for a fortnight.

It is stated, says the *Singapore Free Press*, that acting on telegraphic instructions from the military authorities at Colombo, the military here made enquiries regarding deserters on the arrival of the U.S.A.T. "Kilpatrick" with the result that officers visited the American Consul here, Mr. Williams, and requested his assistance in the matter. It appears that six English soldiers were found on board who had deserted and they were accordingly handed over to the military authorities. Presumably they will be sent back to Colombo for court martial. It is supposed that the men were induced by the prospect of better pay to desert and try and reach Manila by the transport.

The Mesagoritis Maritimes as Yarra which leaves to-day, has on board Baron Rosen, the recalled Russian Minister to Tokyo, with Madame Rosen and their daughter, M. de Sivers, Russian Consul-General at Yokohama, the wife and family of 4; M. Wassilief, Russian Vice-Consul at Kobe, with wife and child; Prince Gagarine, Russian Consul at Nagasaki, with his wife; and a number of other Russians from Japan. They are all homeward bound to Europe. The party had an uneventful voyage, and there was no unusual excitement in Japan when they left. Baron de Rosen was the recipient of numerous parting gifts, including many from Japanese friends. He is well spoken of in the Japanese Press, moreover.

Under the auspices of the Odd Volume Society, Rev. E. J. Hardy lectured last evening in the City Hall on "Chinese Manners." H.E. Major-General Villiers Hatton, C.B., presided over a large audience, including Mrs. May, Hon. Gresham Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Dickson, Hon. H. E. Pollock, and Colonel L. F. Brown, R.E. Rev. Mr. Hardy dealt with his subject in his customary entertaining, racy manner. He contrasted the manners of the East with those of the West, showing how their standards of civility and politeness differed essentially in many ways and making a plea for foreigners in China to show towards the lower classes of the Chinese that politeness of treatment which they got at the hands of the upper classes of their own countrymen. At the close, the lecturer got a hearty vote of thanks.

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The final shoot for the cup presented by Sir Thomas Jackson took place at Tai Hang Range on Saturday and Sunday last, and the cup was won outright by Corp. B. W. Grey, G.O. H. S. Holmes shot well and looked very like winning when he went back from 400 yards with 64 to his credit and only 24 to make to beat Grey's 87, but unfortunately he failed to find the target with his sighting shots at 500 yards and left Grey the winner by six points. The competition for this cup has been going on since 1902.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

The Annual Regimental sports of the 93rd Burma Infantry will be held on Friday, the 26th inst., on the Kowloon Parade Ground, beginning at 3.15 p.m. There will be the following open events:—
(1) 100 Yards Flat for Officers of the Fleet and Garrison.
(2) Half-mile, for Non-Commissioned Officers and men of Navy and Army.
(3) Half-mile, for Native Troops and Police.
Lieut.-Colonel Iremonger and the Officers 93rd Burma Infantry will be at home to their friends on the ground.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

THE WAR.

SAVED PASSENGERS AND
CRRW ARRIVE AT NAGASAKI.

Kobe, 22nd Feb., 7.30 p.m.

The crew of the s.s. *Nagaura* (Nakanoura Maru) arrived at Nagasaki to-day on the s.s. *Stalberg* from Vladivostok. The passengers and crew, excepting two that were drowned, were saved by Russians.

[A special *Daily Press* telegram from Kobe, dated the 12th inst., said that it was officially stated that the Japanese merchant steamer *Nakanoura Maru* had been sunk by Russians in the Tanguu Straits—E.O. D. P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

RUSSIA AND THE BALKANS.

LONDON, 20th February.

It is semi-officially declared in Vienna that Russia's interests in the Balkans are rather intensified than diminished by the latest turn of events. The idea that the war in the Far East will prevent Russia from co-operating in the pacification of Macedonia is unfounded.

THE DALLAS CO. AT THE
THEATRE.

"A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

Mr. Henry Dallas's Musical Comedy Company opened a short season at the Theatre Royal last night, when for the first time in Hongkong the two-act musical comedy *A Chinese Honeymoon* was produced. This play has had a wonderful success in London, the provinces, and elsewhere, where it has been seen, including Singapore little over a week ago, when the Dallas Co. introduced it to the local audience. It is easy to understand after witnessing last night's performance why such success should have been obtained, for the book is light and amusing and the music tuneful and gay. Owing to the many claims on our space to-day and the late hour at which the performance finished last night we cannot do full justice to the artists but must leave a fuller description over until to-morrow. The most noteworthy features yesterday were in the first place Mr. Percival Knight's impersonation of Mr. Pineapple. Mr. Knight is an old favourite of one season, we believe—in Hongkong and was welcomed back most heartily last night. The climax was reached at his dream song in Act II, which would have been encored many a time, had more recalls been allowed. The part of Fi Fi, created by Miss Louise Freerer, was admirably taken by Miss Alice Wade. Her "I want to be a lady" was a triumph. Miss Ernestine Walker and Mr. Frank Cochrane both sang charmingly and Miss Walker looked her part to perfection. If not exactly Chinese, Miss Bertha Hunter was good as Mrs. Pineapple and Mr. Bitter Riley made a welcome reappearance in Hongkong. Messrs. Ross and Munro both rendered their roles well, and Miss Carrie Roberts' dance was much appreciated.

The following was the cast:—

Hang Chow ... Emperor of Yang Yang ... Mr. Albert E. Ross
Chippie Chop, Lord Chancellor, Mr. Duncan Munro
Li Lung, Lord High Admiral, Mr. W. Bitter Riley
Tom Hatherston ... Mr. Frank Cochrane
Mr. Pineapple ... Mr. Percival Knight
Florida ... (Miss Eva Carlotta
Violet ... (Miss Amy Bailey
Milla ... (Miss Eva Bonheur
Mrs. Brown ... The Official mother-in-law ... Miss Grace Desmond
Yen Yen ... Soo Soo's Maids ... (Miss Phyllis Underwood
Sing Sing ... of Honour ... (Miss Carrie Roberts
Mi Mi ... (Miss Violet Frampton
Soo Soo ... The Emperor's niece, Miss Ernestine Walker
Mrs. Pineapple ... Miss Bertha Hunter
Fi Fi ... Miss Alice Wade

CRICKET.

CIVIL SERVICE V. R.A.M.C.

The Civil Service beat the R.A.M.C. by 80 runs and 4 wickets in the League on Saturday. B. Witteball batted well for the winners, and H. T. Jackman took 7 wickets for 13 runs.

Scores:—

R.A.M.C. CORPS.	
S. M. Allwork, c. Atkinson, b. Jackman	2
Jennins, b. Jackman	0
Latter, b. Jackman	6
Sergeant, b. Jackman	0
Sergeant, b. Jackman	0
Chaffer, b. Lambie	0
Williams, b. Jackman	0
Wolbrook, run out	0
Sergeant, b. Jackman	2
Mannell, b. Jackman	1
Sergeant, b. Jackman	0
Doughty, b. Jackman	0
Extras	18
Total	25
CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	
B. Witteball, c. Latter, b. Williams	48
L. E. Brett, c. Williams	0
Hon. Dr. Atkinson, c. Latter, b. Williams	0
P. T. Lambie, c. Latter, b. Williams	7
H. T. Jackman, c. Chaffer	10
W. H. Woolley, b. Williams	0
W. Fife, not out	21
H. Gidley, not out	12
Extras	18
Total (6 wickets)	106
F. T. Roberts, W. T. Andrews, and G. M. Gidley	did not bat.

THE WAR.

The following Northern telegrams are from the *N.C. Daily News*:—

Wladivostok, 13th February.—Two Japanese battleships and four cruisers have passed towards the Shantung Promontory with what was supposed to be a German gunboat following them. The latter returned towards Chofu, apparently pursued by a Japanese warship.

Tokyo, 13th February.—The Japanese have occupied the Russian coal depot at Rozo Island, Chemulpo, where they found 800 tons of coal stored.

Tokyo, 13th February.—The Japanese Government having decided to accept popular contributions to the War Fund, the Japanese Consulates are everywhere receiving offers in Great Britain, the United States, China, and Corea.

Tokyo, 14th February.—The Japanese Government having decided to accept popular contributions to the War Fund, the Japanese Consulates are everywhere receiving offers in Great Britain, the United States, China, and Corea.

Tokyo, 14th February.—The prompt acceptance by the United States of Japan's application to her to protect Japan's interests in Russia and Manchuria, taken in conjunction with the recent offer of Dr. McGee to send a large staff of nurses to Japan, has genuinely impressed the Government and people of Japan, and is regarded as a further guarantee of brotherhood.

Tokyo, 15th February.—It is reported that two hundred Japanese fugitives have been detained at Tashihchiao and escorted to Port Arthur. This has caused excitement and indignation in Japan.

Tokyo, 16th February.—After much ill-treatment, the Japanese fugitives finally left Port Arthur for Chofu yesterday. The exodus of Japanese from Siberia is now completed.

Tokyo, 16th February.—It has transpired that upon the receipt of the Port Arthur news, four Russian warships left Vladivostok for Hokkaido, but it is now understood that they have returned to Vladivostok.

Tokyo, 17th February.—In reference to Secretary Hay's overtures, Japan agrees to the neutralisation of China, excluding Manchuria which Russia still occupies, and Japan adheres thereto unless Russia violates China's neutrality (which she is doing by keeping the *Mandjour* at Shanghai—E.O.). on which Japan originally insisted.

Tokyo, 17th February.—The Emperor has announced that the ancient gold and silver treasures of the Palace are to be utilised for the War Fund.

THE BATTLES AT PORT ARTHUR.

We are indebted to the *N.C. Daily News* for the following account of the torpedo attack on Port Arthur and the subsequent bombardment. Our contemporary takes the story from Captain Gray, of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's steamer *Fuying*, who also gave an account of the *Fuying*'s own extraordinary experiences. Flying the British flag, with all her papers in order, and having every permission to leave, the *Fuying* was fired upon, without the slightest warning, at short range and with three shells. Five of her Chinese passengers were seriously injured and the rest panic-stricken. Such an attack with shell on a neutral commercial vessel, without any preliminary blank firing, is absolutely unprecedented.

The *Fuying* arrived in Port Arthur from Chingwangtao, with a cargo of Kaiping coal, on Friday, the 5th February. By the morning of the 8th, the whole cargo had been discharged and the vessel was to leave next day. At midnight of the 8th, the captain and crew were startled into wakefulness by the reports of heavy guns firing. In the darkness and confusion of the night little could be seen, but next morning the harbour was full of evidences of Japanese activity during the night.

When the *Fuying* entered Port Arthur the Russian squadron of 18 large vessels in all (not counting one second-class cruiser which was under repair inside the West Basin and took no part in the actions) was riding outside the harbour immediately under the forts which rise above the entrance on the north-east side. There they had remained all the time until the 8th. At daylight on the 9th it was seen that two of the largest vessels, the *Retevian* and the *Tsarevitch*, were lying in a sinking condition right across the narrow mouth of the harbour and completely blocking it. Just beyond and on the western side of the entrance were lying the first-class cruiser *Pallada*, which had been torpedoed and run ashore to save her from sinking, and a large Russian transport which had also run ashore for safety.

Captain Gray, with his second officer and chief and second engineers, put off in a small boat on a voyage of inspection. They had with them a crew of four Chinese and pulled round to the *Tsarevitch* and *Retevian*. These were seen at once to be damaged beyond possibility of repair in the limited dock accommodation available at Port Arthur at present. They had gone all round these two vessels, and were proceeding to look similarly at the *Pallada* when the report of a loud explosion rang out. Simultaneously a shell fell right alongside their boat. It was then about half-past ten o'clock. The remainder of the Russian fleet were still lying under shelter of the forts on the other side of the harbour; but immediately following the explosion one of them, whether a battleship or a cruiser it was impossible to say, disappeared stern first in the water, taking all hands, or so it seemed inevitable, with it. The whole incident scarcely took more than a minute or so. One of the Chinese in Captain Gray's boat had been badly scalded, and he with his three terrified com-

patriots leaped overboard into the water. The four foreigners ran their craft ashore and took shelter behind a rock whence they looked out on what was now a general engagement.

Sixteen Japanese men-of-war were approaching from the East in a long line, single file. Their fire was returned by the Russian squadron and the forts on the headland, and a terrific din of booming continued for three-quarters of an hour. Then the Japanese having sailed right along the front of the fleet and harbour made off, still in line, towards the South. So far as could be seen they had themselves sustained little or no damage. It will be seen that Vice-roy Alexieff does not claim that any Japanese vessel was even seriously injured.

Town and dock had, on the other hand, suffered severely, though the actual damage was not so great as might have been expected from a bombardment. Three shells fell into the East Basin without doing very much harm; another went through the side of a transport lying just outside the dry dock, but for some reason it did not explode. In the town holes as much as fifteen feet in diameter and six or seven feet deep had been ploughed up by the shells. Windows were shattered in all the houses and coal stacked along the streets and wharves had been scattered in all directions. Fortunately for the Russians it did not fire, or the conflagration might have been enormous.

The townspeople, foreign and Chinese alike, were stupefied with fear. From the Russo-Chinese Bank all the paper money was being taken and burnt publicly; the specie was put into carts and sent away inland as rapidly as possible. At three o'clock in the afternoon the Government took charge of all stores and provisions. Many houses of business were closed permanently and their heads had fled. The railway station was besieged. Port Arthur was, in fact, absolutely demoralised and panic-stricken. The defencelessness of the place impressed the authorities. For days previously thousands of troops had been leaving as fast as the trains would take them north for the Yalu. Now as many as possible are being hurriedly recalled, and the Port is again filling with troops.

During Wednesday morning tugs got to work on the *Tsarevitch* and succeeded in dragging her inside the West basin, where she has grounded, her name being absolutely submerged at high water. If she were able to float as is alleged from the Russian side, she would ride with her head to the wind, but although there was a strong northerly gale blowing when the *Fuying* left, the *Tsarevitch* was immovable. The same was true of the *Pallada*, which was also successfully towed inside. The *Retevian* still lay in the harbour mouth, but was sufficiently pulled aside to allow the remains of the fleet to enter the East Basin on Wednesday afternoon. She was lying on the rocks with her bows under water.

The number of men-of-war lost or disabled Captain Gray computed at eight. Including the one vessel inside the harbour under repair the Russians had nineteen large warships at Port Arthur before the fighting. When he left Captain Gray counted fourteen only, and that number included the *Tsarevitch*, *Retevian*, and *Pallada*. Thus five were absolutely unaccounted for.

In regard to the repairing of the damaged vessels, it is worth noting that there is at present only one dry dock at Port Arthur, and that too small to take a large battleship. Another, 750 feet long, is being constructed out of the solid rock, but it will be some years at least before this is ready, if it is ever completed. After the bombardment the *Fuying* became crowded with refugees. About 500 Chinese besides sixteen foreigners came on board. There were no state-rooms available; every inch of space was occupied with baggage, and the travellers were obliged to sleep as best they could on deck or in any corners. They were unable to sleep out of their clothes until they arrived at Shanghai.

At three o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, Captain Gray prepared to depart. A German steamer, the *Chofu*, left twenty minutes before him and passed out safely. In the morning at ten o'clock he had been called to the office of the steamer agents and told that he would have to sign certain documents in Russian before he would be allowed to sail. His reply was that he would sign anything that would enable him to leave, and asked the meaning of one statement. It was translated to him as meaning that he would promise not to divulge outside what the real condition of affairs in Port Arthur was. This he signed. Next he was asked to sign another paper, which was said to mean that he had only three days' provisions on board. Why he should be asked to make such a statement he could not guess, but he signed the paper. Two hours later he received full permission to leave.

Steaming out of the West Basin with the British ensign flying at the main, the *Fuying* was abreast of the guardship at the mouth of the harbour (we understand from a passenger that this was the corvette *Raboyinsk* commanded by Prince Levin) when, without the slightest hint or warning, without a single blank charge as a preliminary, the guardship sent a two-inch shell whizzing over the deck. Immediately afterwards two other shells followed and struck the *Fuying* in the bows, fortunately above the waterline, but doing much damage. The shells burst also in the part of the ship most crowded with Chinese passengers and five of these were very badly wounded. One poor girl had a leg blown off, a man lost an arm, another a portion of his back. Consternation seized all on board the *Fuying*, which stopped immediately, and returned to the inner harbour. Later on Captain Gray was sent for by the commander of the guardship, but all that was said to him was: "We are very sorry; it was a mistake; you may proceed to sea." At five

o'clock the *Fuying* again got under weigh and this time passed out without any incident. In the ordinary course the voyage would have been made direct to Shanghai, but the indignity to the British flag was not to be endured, and Captain Gray put into Weihaiwei to report the occurrence to Captain Windham, of H.M.S. *Amphitrite*. The voyage was resumed almost immediately and the boat arrived at Shanghai on Saturday afternoon, the 13th inst.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

On the 14th inst. the American s.s. *Pleiades* arrived at Chefoo from Port Arthur during the forenoon. She had reached Port Arthur from Puget Sound, with a cargo of flour, on Sunday, the 7th instant. An officer of the *Pleiades*, interviewed, said she had brought over between 500 and 600 Chinese passengers, mostly old men, women, and children connected with the Russian deckhands, etc., and also about ten Europeans. He stated that four large Russian men-of-war had been placed under command by Japanese torpedoes on the night of the 8th February. The *Tsarevitch* sank outside the harbour, but was still able to see her guns. Another, of French build, said to be the best of the fleet, was sunk or resting on her bottom inside the harbour. The water was pouring out of her all the time from her pumps, and divers were constantly at work on her. At low water one could see two feet below her armour belt. The *Reizian* and another ironclad were also badly damaged, neither being able to move and being completely "out of commission." On Tuesday, the 9th, the bombardment commenced at 11 a.m., according to the officer's watch, and continued until 11.45 a.m. The Japanese were evidently only trying the range and getting it remarkably well, for many of the shots fell in the town and amongst the shipping. The officer interviewed showed some pieces of the copper banding which takes the rifling of the guns. These had fallen on his ship, and he said some of the engineers had pieces of the iron of shells which had burst around the ship. The Japanese ships bombarding were from 7 to 8 miles away and were evidently the same ships seen by the str. *Foochow* the same morning off Cap Island, outside Dalny. The *Foochow* was proceeding from Dalny to Chefoo with Japanese refugees. The chief officer of the *Foochow* said that two of the Japanese cruisers were so close in land that their flags could not be distinguished. An officer of the *Pleiades* said that before they left Port Arthur there was a report that a Russian man-of-war was laying mines in Dalny harbour that he had a patent of his own, and that it was so successful that his own ship struck one of the mines and the ship was destroyed, and that it was now other Russian ships were afraid to enter Dalny, not knowing the position of the mines on account of the deaths of those who had laid them. A Russian officer told the *Pleiades* officer that he was "afraid the news was true." The *Pleiades* reported that she was discharging her cargo of flour when the bombardment took place and that the coals all left after discharging a few bags. She brought the rest of her cargo to Chefoo. The British str. *Roxton Hull* was also there with a cargo of Welsh coal (4,000 tons) and could not discharge it. The captain asked to be allowed to leave the port, but the Port Admiral refused to allow the ship to leave and told him he had better take his crew and leave at the first opportunity on another vessel. He took the advice and left on the Norwegian str. *Ariel*, leaving his ship and coal in the hands of the Russian authorities.

In most cases the Russian authorities demand a written affirmation from masters of vessels that they will not divulge anything as to the state of affairs in Port Arthur.

EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES OF THE "HUIPING."

We also take the following from the *N.C. Daily News*:-

The Chinese Engineering and Mining Company's steamers are unlucky. When the *Fuyi* was fired upon, as she was leaving Port Arthur, the affair was described by the Russians as a mistake. Now another of their vessels, the *Huiying*, has had an experience, not so disastrous fortunately, but quite as remarkable. Fired at four times without cause or warning, ordered into Dalny over mines newly-laid and of uncertain location, and detained there without justification for four days, it is no wonder that Captain Macfarlane has filed a strong protest with the authorities of the Russian port. By permission of Captain Macfarlane we give what is practically a transcription from his log of an eventful passage.

The *Huiying* left Chiungwang on the 19th February just after midnight, bound for Shanghai. She experienced a head gale and very high sea, and the vessel laboured heavily, shipping large quantities of water. At 6.30 a.m. it was found that the tarpaulin of No. 4 hold had been washed off by the sea and that water had got into the 'tween decks. The gale continued and the sea was running very high. Captain Macfarlane decided therefore to run into Port Arthur roads for shelter. He passed the Liautshan Promontory and lighthouse about noon on the same day, and saw a large Russian cruiser, cruising off and on the light-house. The cruiser turned and escorted the *Huiying* into the roads. At a quarter-past one, when the *Huiying* arrived at the anchorage, a Russian cruiser at anchor fired a shot at her, and shortly afterwards (not before) hoisted the signal "anchor instantly." The direction was given as soon as possible. At a quarter-past four the weather having moderated, and the hatches having been taken off to see that all was right below, the *Huiying* weighed and proceeded for Shanghai. She had gone about a mile or so away from the

cruiser at anchor when the latter opened fire, and fired three shots. One came towards the *Huiying's* quarter, the second fell astern. By this time the *Huiying* had stopped and rounded, but the third shot came and passed over her. The *Huiying* proceeded back. A torpedo-boat destroyer came out from the anchorage and remained by her, cleared for action, until Captain Macfarlane's anchor was let go about half-past five. No signal had been given to prevent the *Huiying* leaving until after the shots had been fired, and the vessel was well on her way back to her anchorage.

At 9 p.m. the *Huiying* received orders from a torpedo-boat to put out all lights, and this was done. About 11.30 heavy firing was heard from the shore batteries, and also from a small war vessel cruising about, and about midnight the *Huiying* was hailed by a rowboat and ordered to put out her fires, which was also done.

Next morning at 6 a.m. Captain Macfarlane hoisted a signal, "When can I proceed to sea?" Two hours later the harbour launch came off and ordered the ship to go to Dalny with the sister steamer *Chingping*, the German steamer *Pronto*, and a Russian merchant steamer. The *Huiying* proceeded to Dalny, still flying the same signal. They arrived outside Dalny at a quarter-past two and anchored inside about a quarter of an hour later. A harbour official came out and took the ship's papers ashore. At six o'clock a Russian sentry was sent on board and remained till the following evening, the ship remaining anchored meantime.

When the sentry was relieved at seven o'clock on the evening of the 12th, Captain Macfarlane sent by him a protest against the detention of his ship by force majeure to the Captain of the port representing the Russian Government. On the morning of the 13th at ten o'clock the captain was visited by Mr. Waldemar Mare, assistant to the Dalny Port commissioner, accompanied by Mr. Edward Soper, acting as interpreter. Mr. Mare stated that owing to the mines that had been placed in the harbour it was impossible for the *Huiying* to leave. Captain Macfarlane represented to him that it was an impolitic proceeding to have sent four merchant steamers to a harbour that was mined. Mr. Mare replied that half an hour before the *Huiying's* arrival, a Russian vessel which had been laying the mines had been blown up, with great loss of life, by one of her own mines; that there were only two men who knew the position of the mines; that these were the captain and officer of the vessel destroyed; and that they had been killed. Unless therefore there was a copy of the plan for mining at Port Arthur, it was impossible to know where the mines were, and therefore the *Huiying* could not be allowed to leave until the mines were relaid. Captain Macfarlane remarked that a small Russian vessel was cruising all this time at the entrance of the harbour, and was told in reply that that boat only drew six feet of water.

Captain Macfarlane then complained of the risk to which he and his vessel had been exposed in being sent to enter Dalny without a pilot, and was told that it was believed the vessel which had been accidentally blown up would otherwise have piloted them in. He also pointed out that the ship ran the risk of being destroyed or captured should the Japanese attack Dalny, and Mr. Soper admitted there would be such a danger. On questioning to be allowed to take his ship further in, Captain Macfarlane was told that might be permitted. He represented further that no inquiries had been made or reason given for the detention of his ship at Port Arthur or for her being sent to Dalny; also that he had been exposed to heavy firing from the batteries at Port Arthur on the night of the 10th February. Capt. Macfarlane also told the interpreter that he was not aware of any reason for his ship's arrest, as when he left Chiungwang there was no news of war and Russian steamers loading coal there had Japanese crews on board. He (the Captain) wished to communicate with his consul or with his owners by telegraph. This, he was told, might be allowed, as permission was given to respectable Europeans to go ashore; the cost of supplies to the ship would also be allowed by the Russians. One reason alleged why the ship should not be allowed to leave Dalny by the way it came was that the Japanese would then learn the passage, but Captain Macfarlane pointed out that had the ship been ordered away from Port Arthur at once and not detained at Dalny, it would have been impossible for the Japanese or anyone else to have seen anything. It was, therefore, due to the mistake at Port Arthur and to the failure of the authorities there to make any enquiries, that the *Huiying* was detained and these on board allowed to see and hear what they had.

The Austrian Consul at Hongkong (Mr. Post) was a passenger on the *Huiying* and was present during this interview. He also sent in a protest by the same messenger as Captain Macfarlane, who is very warm in his gratitude to Mr. Post for his assistance and support throughout and his services as an interpreter. Mr. Soper said several times during the interview that the detention of the *Huiying* was due to a mistake.

The *Huiying* was allowed to leave on Tuesday and came direct to Shanghai, where she arrived on the 18th inst. She is noticeably damaged but it is not quite certain that she was not actually touched by a fragment of one of the shells thrown at her. The German steamer *Pronto* was said to have suffered more severely from the firing. It appears that the torpedo transport *Teniet* lost 88 men, 192 being saved.

FORION SYMPATHY WITH JAPAN.

Messrs. Dodwell & Co. write to the Kobe papers suggesting that they should undertake the raising of a fund by which foreigners could

in a practical manner show their sympathy with Japan in this the greatest crisis in her modern history. The firm first suggested subscribing to the funds of Japan's Red Cross Society, but it was suggested to the firm that as the Society is a wealthy one, under Imperial patronage, any funds which foreigners might feel inclined to subscribe could be devoted with greater advantage to the support of the families of the Reservists and of the widows and orphans of those killed in fighting for their country. Messrs. Dodwell adopted this suggestion, and offered a subscription of 500 yen to the fund.

Admiral Delibello, a naval enquiry to H.M. the King of Italy, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Italian squadron in Far Eastern waters, in place of Vice-Admiral Milabello, who was lately given the portfolio in the Navy Department at Rome.

Lieutenant-General Sir William Nicholson, K.C.B., who is now on the way to the Far East as British *Attache* with the Japanese Forces, has been Director-General of Mobilisation and Military Intelligence at the War Office since 1901. Colonel James A. L. Haldane, D.S.O., of the Gordon Highlanders, who is also appointed to the duties of British *Attache* with the Japanese, has a distinguished Indian and South African record, and is best remembered by his sensational escape from Pretoria in the winter of 1899-1900.

SUPREME COURT.

Monday, 22nd February.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE).

LARCENY BY A SERVANT.

Wong Chau, a house-cook, was charged with having on 7th February stolen \$28 from the house at 3, Queen's Gardens, of his master, Lieut. G. S. Gaskell, R.E.

He pleaded not guilty.

The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. T. H. Jewitt, C. E. Hance, J. L. Cotter, H. Fridmore, A. C. Moore, T. Arnot, and C. E. P. Herbst.

The Hon. Attorney-General, Sir Henry Berkeley (instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Crown Solicitor), conducted the prosecution. In opening the case he stated that on the day in question Lieut. Gaskell had been given to him by a brother officer named Lieut. Chesney who had drawn it from the Bank to pay his company. The money was in a mat-bag in a drawer in Lieut. Gaskell's room at the mess. It was put there on the 6th. On the 7th prisoner was stopped by an Indian constable away over at Shatin in the New Territory. When he was stopped he ran away, but was caught, and in his possession was found his master's money. When arraigned prisoner stated that his master told him to take the money. Lieut. Gaskell would tell the jury that this was absolutely false.

After hearing evidence the jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty.

His Lordship passed sentence of 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour.

CHARGE AGAINST A GERMAN.

Paul Rensch, a German, was charged with having on 25th January in this Colony stolen a sum of \$205.38, the property of F. Nolte and another.

He pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. M. W. Slade, barrister-at-law (instructed by Mr. J. Hastings, solicitor).

The Attorney-General in opening the case said the charge made by the Crown was that prisoner was bailee of this money at the time he appropriated it to his own use, and if a person was entrusted with money for another and appropriated it to his own use he was guilty of nothing short of theft. In January of this year in Hongkong, to sell cigars on a commission of 20 per cent. From time to time he received cigars from Nolte, and the money he got for them was Nolte's, and he was bound to hand it over to Nolte less 20 per cent. commission. The cigars were kept in a Chinese cigar-shop here, and as prisoner required they were supplied to him from time to time he giving a receipt for them. Between 19th and 25th January he received money in respect of cigars sold or Nolte, which, after deducting his commission of 20 per cent., amounted to \$205.38. Immediately after receiving the money he went off to Canton to gamble at the *fastan-tables*. In Canton he lost the money. Prisoner stated that while at the gambling tables his pocket was out and the money was stolen. But whether it was lost at the gambling tables or stolen from him, if the prisoner left Hongkong with that money in his pocket intending to gamble with it he was guilty of larceny.

Evidence for the Crown was then taken. The jury unanimously found the prisoner guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. His Lordship passed sentence of four months' hard labour.

THE COURT.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

The following is the report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-first ordinary general meeting, to be held at the office of the general managers, on Saturday, the 5th March, at noon.

The general managers and consulting committee have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the thirty-first annual report of the Company.

1903 Account.—This account shows a profit of \$195,396.52, which sum, subject to the approval of the shareholders, it is proposed to deal with as follows, viz:—

Dividend of \$22.50 per share... \$180,000.00

Addition to reserve fund... 15,396.52

\$195,396.52

1903 Account.—The balance at credit of this account is \$371,110.48.

Mortgages.—From the reports and valuations made by the Company's surveyors, the general managers and consulting committee are satisfied that the properties held by the Company form ample security for the advances made.

Consulting Committee.—The present members, the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Messrs. F. Maitland, A. J. Raymond, and J. H. Lewis, retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. W. Hutton Potts and B. Chatterton Wilcox, and their re-election is recommended.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING.

The following is the programme of the first day of the Jockey Club's 1904 Race Meeting.

The first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. to-day.

The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES; value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; entrance \$10. Half a mile.

The MAIDENS STAKES; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies, *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 7 lbs.; entrance \$10. Once round.

The VALLEY STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$300 added; winner to receive 70 per cent.; second 20 per cent.; and third 10 per cent.; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; three-quarters of a mile.

The VICTORIA STAKES; a sweepstakes of \$10 each with \$350 added; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra; one mile.

The FLOCKOW CUP; value \$500; second to receive \$150; and third \$50; for waters; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners of 3 or more races 12 lbs. extra; of 2 races 7 lbs. extra; non-winners who have run at previous meetings allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10; three-quarters of a mile.

The HONGKONG DERBY; a sweepstakes of \$20 each with \$1,500 added; (half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing entries); for China ponies *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry; first pony to receive 70 per cent., second 20 per cent., and third 10 per cent.; weight for inches as per scale. One mile and a half (nominations to close to the clerk of the course at Hongkong Club-house on Saturday, 26th December, 1903).

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP; presented by the members of the Hongkong Club; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; for China ponies; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins allowed 5 lbs.; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 10 lbs.; previous winners at this meeting 5 lbs. extra. One mile and a half.

The CHINESE CLUB CUP; presented; second to receive \$150, and third \$50. For China ponies subscription griffins of any season; weight for inches as per scale; winners at previous meetings barred; previous winners at this meeting 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. From the two-mile post once round and in.

LOUISIANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club Lusitano. For China ponies, *bona-fide* griffins on date of entry; second to receive \$150, and third \$50; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904 allowed 5 lbs.; previous winners 7 lbs. extra; entrance \$10. One mile.

The ENCOURAGEMENT STAKES; value \$300; second to receive \$100; and third \$50; for China ponies, subscription griffins of this season 1903-1904; weight for inches as per scale; previous winners barred; unplaced runners allowed 5 lbs.; entrance \$10. Five furlongs.

PROBABLE WINNERS.

The Wong-nei-chong Stakes, being only a half-mile event, looks very open, but I fancy Talbot for a win, with Glenroy and Ca Canay 2nd and 3rd.

For the Maidens, it is now reported that Mr. Buxey is sending Coronet Rose. He should be a certainty, if this is so. If he is reserved for the Derby, Buxey's stable should still win with La France Rose. Discovery should be 2nd and Royal 3rd.

The Valley Stakes should finish—Fiscal, 1; Rocket, 2; Tai Yut, 3.

Victoria Stakes—Algerine, 1; Baro Rose, 2; Discard, 3.

Flockow Cup—Remnant, 1; Runaway Girl, 2; Brilliant, 3.

The Hongkong Derby should fall to Mr. Buxey's choice, Coronet being again a certainty if he runs. Aladdin should defeat Chieftain for 2nd place.

Hongkong Club Cup—Vancouver, 1; Baro Rose, 2; Rebel King, 3.

Chinese Club Cup—Manila, 1; The Baillie, 2; Pandrum, 3.

Lusitano Cup—Discovery, 1; Once More, 2; Royal, 3.

The Encouragement Stakes looks extremely open, and it is hard to hazard a guess. I venture on the following:—Aferm, 1; Ca Canay, 2; Gohang, 3.

DARK BIRD.

"Tamby" gives the following tips:—

WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES.
Mr. Darius's Talbot ... 1
Mr. Ellis Kadoro's Teolotum ... 2

THE MAIDENS STAKES.
Regarding this race it is more guesswork. If Mr. Buxey's Coronet Rose runs it will win.

THE VALLEY STAKES.
Mr. Paul's Fiscal ... 1
Mr. A. Babin's Rocket ... 2
Mr. Darius's Selipso, or Mr. Melio's Standard ... 3

THE VICTORIA STAKES.
If Mr. Wingard's Algerine runs it will win. Otherwise Mr. F. B. Marshall's Daybreak has a good chance.

THE FLOCKOW CUP.
Mr. Master's Remnant is the favourite. The Fals' Dandy has a good show.

THE HONGKONG DERBY.
The Derby lies between Mr. Buxey's and Mr. J. H. Lewis's stables. It is hard to say whether Mr. Buxey will run both La France Rose and Coronet Rose. Perhaps the former is a shade the better of the pair, but it is difficult to say. The race lies between Aladdin and those two.

NOTICE.

Owing to the Great Increase in the Furniture Business of Messrs. ACHEE & CO., we are requested by them to Re-open Management of the Photographic Business hitherto carried on in their name on our behalf. From this date we will continue the Photographic business at the same place under the name of

LONG, HING & CO.

All outstanding credit and debit accounts of the Photographic Business will be collected and settled by us.

Inspection is invited to the New Stock now on view.

LONG, HING & CO.,

PHOTO GOODS DEALERS,

17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1903.

THE HONGKONG CLUB CUP.

This will be a good race between Mr. Wingard's Vancouver and Mr. G. H. Potts's Rebel King.

With regard to the Chinese Club Cup I would not like to venture an opinion. There are 44 entries. Winners of previous meetings are barred, while winners at present meetings have 7 lbs. extra; it is very hard to say. It is also difficult to predict what will come out in the Lusitano Cup. The Encouragement Stakes, of course, is practically a race for batten ponies.

POLICE COURT.

Monday, 22nd February.

BEFORE MR. T. SERGENT SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

JAPANESE STOWAWAYS.

William J. Burns, second officer of the s.s. *Queen Mary*, prosecuted four Japanese for obtaining passages on that steamer from Moji to Hongkong, without the permission of the captain, owners, or agents of the vessel, and without paying for the same. Prosecutor stated that after leaving Moji he found the four men, who had stowed away in the engine-room of the *Queen Mary*, and when he asked them for their tickets or passage-money they replied that they had neither.

The first defendant said that a friend of his in Moji had told him if he went on board the captain would not mind, so long as he worked while on board. He did not speak to the captain, and had no one's permission to go on board. The second defendant said he went on board to see the ship, and when he wanted to go ashore he found the steamer had left Moji. He could give no explanation of his presence in the engine-room. The other two defendants had no defence to make. His Worship said they must each pay a fine of \$100 or go to gaol for 1 month. They went to gaol.

OPTUM CASES.

Mr. Spooner, representing the Opium Farmers, prosecuted three Chinese for unlawful possession of opium. The first, Cheung Nan Wo, was found in possession of 9 mace of prepared opium, and was fined \$22 or 21 days.

Wong Pak had two mace, and Mok Wo Hi had seven mace, and were each sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 or go to gaol for 10 days. The fines were paid, though reluctantly.

MARINE COURT.

Monday, 22nd February.

BEFORE HON. BASIL TAYLOR (ACTING MARINE MAGISTRATE).

ALLEGED ASLEEP ON DUTY.

E. Jopson, second mate of the British s.s. *M.S. Dollar*, was charged by Alexander Gow, master of said steamer, with being asleep while on duty on the bridge, and thereby endangering the lives or limbs of persons on board the vessel, on the 20th ult. at sea. General Bragg, U.S. Consul-General, appeared for defence, the accused being an U.S. citizen.

The defendant pleaded not guilty, the plaintiff was sworn. He deposed that at about 3.40 a.m. he went on the bridge, and walked towards the standard compass. He failed to see the officer of the watch. It was rather dark, no moon; his eyes, too, were not accustomed to the light. Going over to the starboard side he saw the second mate sitting on the fore-and-aft rail by the dodger (a canvas weather-screen to protect the look-out officer from wind, spray, etc.) leaning against the light shade, with head pillowed on his breast. He looked closely into his face to see if his eyes were closely shut, standing by him for three or four minutes.

The defendant questioned plaintiff through General Bragg. Plaintiff had known defendant for about 18 months, having first seen him at San Francisco. He had given him a testimonial on a previous occasion. Defendant shipped at San Francisco at \$75 gold per month. They were on a voyage from Hongkong to San Francisco when the incident occurred. He had no arrangements for substituting. Defendant offered to leave the ship if he sent him back to San Francisco.

The defendant said that on the watch in question, the captain came up on the bridge a few minutes after seven bells, took lamp out of stand, and went below again. Three or four minutes afterwards he came up again, and accused him of being asleep. The only reason he could suggest for the accusation was that he was not a British subject, and held no certificate.

The Hon. Basil Taylor considered that, in the absence of any further evidence on either side, the charge had not been substantiated, there being only one man's word against another's.

SHIPPING NOTES.

COAL.

Shipments of coal have arrived as follows:—5,150 tons from Moji for the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha by s.s. *Queen Mary*, yesterday; 4,850 tons from Moji for the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha by s.s. *Rugby*, yesterday; 4,500 tons from Newcastle, N.S.W., by the s.s. *Ferdine*, yesterday; 1,800 tons from Moji by the s.s. *Heston*, yesterday.

KEMP.

One hundred tons of hemp arrived here yesterday by the Indo-China s.s. *Loongang*; that was all the cargo on board.

STOWAWAYS.

Four stowaways arrived here from Moji yesterday by the s.s. *Queen Mary*. Four stowaways arrived here yesterday from Newcastle, New South Wales, by the s.s. *Ferdine*.

RICE.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire yesterday received a full cargo of rice from Bangkok by the s.s. *Pharmanag*.

CASH OIL.

The s.s. *Calag* arrived here yesterday with 1,600 tons of cash oil. The agents are Messrs. McBain & Co.

THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes s.s. *Yarra* arrived from Yokohama via Shanghai yesterday. She has a large number of passengers. Fine weather was experienced.

SPECIAL PERMISSION.
The s.s. *Monqui* arrived from New York via Manila yesterday. Amongst her cargo, under the heading of explosives, was ten cases of sulphuric acid. Special permission was given by the harbour authorities to enter the port, and haul down her red danger flag. The agents of the vessel are Messrs. Dodwell & Co.

NAVAL.
The German gun-boat *Luchs*, and the Chinese gun-boat *Kwong I Kam*, both from Canton, are in port.

SHIPPING.
Shipping, judging by the number of arrivals, has greatly improved within the past week or so.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.
The P. & O. steamer *Coromandel* left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst., at 3 p.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here on the 27th inst., at about 6 a.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Preussen*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 2nd inst., left Colombo on the 20th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

The M.M. steamer *Sydney*, with the next French mail, left Saigon on the 21st inst., at 3 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

The P.M. steamer *Korea*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco on the 2nd inst., via Honolulu, left Yokohama for this port on the 22nd inst., a.m., via Inland Sea, &c., and is due here on or about 3rd prox.

The "Glen" Line steamer *Glenlogan*, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 25th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Tydeus* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 21st inst., via Japan and Hongkong.

NOTICE.

Communications respecting Advertisements, Subscriptions, Printing, Binding, &c., should be addressed to the Daily Press only, and special business matters to the Manager.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [364]

WANTED.

BY Import Firm, Experienced and Energetic COMPROMISE who can give sufficient security.

M. B.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [565]

LOST.

LOST, on Saturday, about 8.30 p.m. between Mountain View and Theatre via Tram, ONE GOLD CHAIN BRACELET, set in Opals. Reward for recovery.

Apply—

W. H.

Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [566]

NOTICE.

THE KOWLOON DISPENSARY will be CLOSED for Business TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), and THURSDAY, the 23rd, 24th, and 25th instants, at 1 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [567]

TYPEWRITER.

WANTED, a Temporary non-Chinese Clerk as TYPEWRITER. One with some knowledge of figures preferred. Applicants should call at the AUDIT OFFICE, Government Buildings, between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. not later than Friday, 26th instants.

Salary \$100 a Month.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [568]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

TO LET, with possession from 1st March, 1904, The Suite of ROOMS (2), on the GROUND FLOOR of the Hongkong Club Annex, Suitable for Offices.

For particulars apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GRACE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [569]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW.

THE Company's Steamship

"HAILONG,"

Captain Gibson, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW the 24th inst., at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAURENCE & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [561]

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"KOWLOON,"

Captain C. Stehr, will be despatched for the above port TO-MORROW, the 24th inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight, apply to

SIEMSEN & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [562]

CHINA COMMERCIAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

司公限有船輪華中

FOR MOJI, SALINA CRUZ AND MANZANILLO (MEXICO) AND PORTLAND (OREGON).

THE Steamship

"CHINOW,"

Captain Parkinson, will be despatched for the above ports on FRIDAY, the 26th inst., at Noon.

For Freight, apply at Company's Office, No. 20, Des Voeux Road.

J. S. VAN BUREN,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [572]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS AND CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT

is now ready and contains—

Japan and Russia.

The War.

The Neutrality Question.

Bias in War News.

Hongkong Jottings.

The War.

Hongkong Legislative Council.

Chinatown Fair.

The New H.K.C.C. Pavilion.

Notes from the Botanic Gardens.

Mr. Gresham Stewart's Wedding.

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Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), and THURSDAY, the 23rd, 24th and 25th instants, respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [570]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12% per Share and Bonus of 2% per Share for the six months ending 31st December, 1903, declared at Monday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Offices of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after TUESDAY, the 23rd FEBRUARY, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

THOS. I. ROSE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [571]

PONIES! PONIES! PONIES!!!

THE undersigned will hold their Annual Sale of Race Ponies by Public Auction as under—

on

WEDNESDAY,

the 2nd MARCH, 1904, at 4 p.m. opposite the City Hall,

FIFTY LOTS;

And on

SATURDAY,

the 5th MARCH, at 4 p.m., at Kennedy's, CAUSEWAY BAY, REPOSITORY, upwards of FIFTY LOTS.

HUGHES & HUGH,

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1904. [573]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"JAVA,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 p.m. TO-DAY, the 22nd inst.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within two days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

SS. "MOGUL,"

FROM NEW YORK.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd prox., or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst., at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be counterchecked by

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [563]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"AGAMEMNON,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown 22 and after the 24th instants.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd March, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [10-11]

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 a.m. TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), and THURSDAY, the 23rd, 24th and 25th instants, respectively.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1904. [558]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Business of AH MEN and HING CHEONG & CO., Tailors, will be CARRIED ON from the 17th inst. at No. 8 QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, opposite to the Compaught House Hotel.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1904. [123]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL.

THE HENRY DALLAS MUSICAL COMEDY COMPANY.

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TO-NIGHT (TUESDAY), "A CHINESE HONEYMOON."

TO-MORROW NIGHT (WEDNESDAY), FEBRUARY 24th,

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25th, The Charming Musical Comedy "THREE LITTLE MAIDS."

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26th,

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27th, The Sparkling Musical Comedy "THE FRENCH MAID."

Prices \$3, \$2, and \$1.

Plans at Robinson Piano Co., Ltd. Late Train each night 15 minutes after fall of Curtain.

W. FLEMING VALLANCE,

Manager.

Future pieces will be duly advertised.

Hongkong, 15th February, 1904. [523]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1904.

TO-DAY (TUESDAY), TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY), THURSDAY, AND SATURDAY (OFF-DAY).

23rd, 24th, 25th and 27th FEBRUARY.

TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per day. Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [458]

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PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 5th day of MARCH, 1904, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1903, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th FEBRUARY, to the 5th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1904. [474]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 10th March, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th instants, to the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

GEO. L. TOMLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1904. [468]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 35 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

NOTICE.

A CERTIFICATE No. 448 for Six Shares Nos. 1145/1146 standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Mrs. FLORENCE MINA HUNT has been LOST.

Notice is hereby given that a new Certificate for the said Six Shares will be issued fourteen days hence, and that the original Certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON ROOPER,

Secretary to the

HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,

General Agents for the

WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LD.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [503]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-Year ending 31st December, 1903, at the rate of One Pound and Ten Shillings, together with a Bonus of Ten Shillings sterling per Share of \$125, is PAYABLE on and after MONDAY, the 22nd day of FEBRUARY, current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

J. E. M. SMITH,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904. [568]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, Ltd. have now 40,000 Cubic feet of Ice, Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be Open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sundays excepted to receive and deliver perishable goods.

WM. FARLANE, Manager.

Hongkong, 18th November, 1901. [57]

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THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER BOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and Boilers.

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Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [334]

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NOTICE OF FIRM

NOTICE.

DR. WILLIAM DANIEL, Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Dental College at Philadelphia, and who has practised in Europe as well as the United States, has associated with DR. NEWELL WILSON, Dentist, at 31, Queen's Road Central, Watkin's Building.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1904. [534]

BANKS

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Hongkong, 29th January, 1904. [3335]

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1903. [26]

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Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [150]

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DR. M. H. CHAUN,

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Hongkong, 16th March, 1903. [2490]

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INSURANCES

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1902, £16,378,771.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL... £3,000,000 0 0
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... 2,750,000 0 0
PAID-UP CAPITAL... 687,500 0 0
II. FUND FUNDS... 2,867,215 14 10

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1903. [1888]

THE BOMBAY FIRE AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to accept RISKS at Current Rates.

HOLLAND-CHINA TRADING CO., Hongkong, 26th November, 1903. [2160]

L'UNION OF PARIS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fire at current rates.

SIEMSEN & CO., Hongkong, 1st January, 1904. [1]

AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPEL.

The Undersigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BRÜCKELMANN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st April, 1897. [89]

PHENIX FIRE OFFICE.

The Undersigned are now prepared to GRANT POLICIES of INSURANCE against FIRE at Current Rates.

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO., Agents for the Phoenix Fire Office.

Hongkong, 17th August, 1897. [12]

THE WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY OF TORONTO, CANADA.

INCORPORATED 1851.

Cash Security... £225,719

Total Losses Paid... £28,769,240

The Undersigned having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO., Hongkong, 18th May, 1903. [194]

NORTHERN ASSURANCE CO.

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Hongkong, 23rd September, 1903. [267]

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Manager.

Note Address:—No. 2, Ice House Road.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1897. [428]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The ordinary yearly meeting of the above Company was held yesterday in the Company's offices, Queen's Buildings. Hon. Sir Paul Chater, G.M.G. (chairman), presided, and there were also present Mr. N. A. Sids, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Messrs. E. Goetz, A. Haupt, J. H. Lewis, E. S. Whonlor, D. E. Brown, J. S. Van Buren, and E. W. Tilden (Directors), W. B. Dixon, T. I. Rose (Secretary), A. V. Apcar, G. M. Bain, P. Brewitt, Hart Brock, H. F. Carmichael, Chow Hing Ki, Chan Siu Ki, W. E. Clarke, H. M. S. H. Esmail, E. Georg, David Haskell, E. A. Hewett, Ho Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Ho Tung, H. Humphreys, W. C. Jack, E. S. Joseph, J. J. Leiria, Lo Chong Shin, Donald Macdonald, A. W. Marshall, J. L. Michael, S. J. Michael, R. Mitchell, E. J. Moses, W. Parlane, T. H. Reid, A. Rodger, H. Schubart, T. Skinner, E. A. Snewin, and Wong Tso.

The Secretary having read the notice calling the meeting,

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—The report and statement of accounts having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your sanction, to follow the usual course and take them as read. At the last half-yearly meeting I was in a position to congratulate you on the result of the working, which compared favourably with those of the two previous half-years.

It is with great pleasure, gentlemen, I find myself able to announce a continuance of this prosperity, and to lay before you figures which show a still further and substantial advance. The net profit for the six months ended 31st December, 1903, amounted to \$514,396.34, to which has to be added the sum of \$314,293.70 brought forward from last account, and after deducting directors' and auditors' fees, there remains for appropriation \$817,940.04, as compared with \$682,395.13 in the previous half-year. Subject to your concurrence, the Board propose to deal with the balance as follows: To pay a dividend for the half-year of 12 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. to shareholders, amounting to \$350,000, to write \$42,599.35 from the value of Hongkong Docks, and to carry forward to new account the balance of \$425,340.69. I trust, gentlemen, these recommendations will meet with your approval. Considering the state of trade generally, I think this result may fairly be regarded as satisfactory. The tonnage of merchant vessels actually docked during the half-year shows a decline of some 10 per cent. compared with the previous six months, as will be noted from the following figures:—412,658 tons against 462,648 tons. The tonnage of British warships docked was 44,179 tons, against 40,942 tons, and foreign warships, 19,111 tons against 40,499 tons. The decline in the number of foreign men-of-war docked was no doubt due to great measure to the unsettled relations existing between Russia and Japan. As a set-off against the reduced docking tonnage figures, the occupation of No. 1 Dock by H.M.S. Amphitrite for 39 days and that of the No. 2 Dock by the steamer Pembroke for eight weeks, may be noted. The difficulties experienced in fulfilling our docking arrangements for the larger ships alluded to at previous meetings still continue, as evidence of which fact I may mention that during the docking of the Amphitrite, three large vessels had to be refused, viz., the merchant steamers Siberia and Trenton, and the French cruiser Chateaufort, thus emphasizing the urgent need of further Dock accommodation. Whilst on this subject, I should remark that the question of lengthening the No. 1 Dock to which I referred on the last occasion we met, has been found unnecessary owing to the fact, since discovered, that the propeller shafts of the Siberia and Korea can be drawn in-board, and these vessels consequently be accommodated. Considerable improvements and additions to our plant and machinery have been carried out during the interval, including the bedding in concrete and galling up of the machines and providing flooring for the vast area of the fitting shop, together with similar work to the new bassett's shop and the adjoining engine works and tool stores. Extensions to the foundry and joiners' shop have been found necessary in order to cope with the increasing work in those departments. Additions to the working plant in the shipyard have also been made to allow for the increased size of plating both for new work and for repairs, and further additions in this branch are in contemplation. The plate-bending rolls now being erected are electrically driven and will be capable of dealing with the largest plates now in use. With reference to the electric power extension at Kowloon, referred to at the last meeting, the old engine-house has been re-roofed, and extensive flies laid to connect the boilers to the existing chimney. The condensing plant has been fixed, and spacious piping for same is being laid. The machine motors and columns for electric lighting throughout the Yard have been received and the engines and dynamos have been shipped and are due at an early date.

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This was all the business.

Mr. HART BUCK—Mr. Chairman, before the meeting closes I think the shareholders would like to express their thanks to the general manager and the staff for the good work that they have done for the shareholders. (Applause.)

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FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RIEPEUS"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 11th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 18th March.

OUTWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"AJAX"	On 20th March.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"PAK LING"	On 29th March.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"AGAMEMNON"	On 24th February.

The s.s. "TYDEUS" left Victoria B.C., on the 21st inst., for Japan and Hongkong.
The s.s. "PELEUS" left Victoria B.C., on the 30th ult., for this port via Japan.

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AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 24th Feb. 4th night
SHANGHAI	"KANSU"	On 24th February.
SHANGHAI	"KAIGAI"	On 26th February.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"STANTUNG"	On 26th February.
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"CHIHILI"	On 1st March.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED,
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"IDOMENEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being
discharged into Crates, and/or landed at the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon
Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. where in both
cases it will lie at Consignee's risk. The Cargo
will be ready for delivery from Crates or Godown
on and after the 19th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice
has been given prior to steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to
be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined at 11 A.M., on the 24th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 24th inst. will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined on Wednesday, the 24th February, at
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 29th
February, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.**

Hongkong, 17th February, 1904.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SAMBIA,"
Captain Living, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading for
counter-signature by the Undersigned and to
take immediate delivery of their Goods from
a/cleat.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.
Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be
landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject
to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined on the 27th inst., at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.**

Hongkong, 20th February, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND
SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"GISELA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the undersigned before
Noon, on the 27th February, or they will not
be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th
February will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
**SANDER, WIEBER & CO.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, 21st February, 1904.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"BOON,"
OF THE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods, with the exception
of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being
landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence
delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 1 P.M.,
TO-DAY, the 18th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
undelivered after the 24th February, will be
subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are
to be left in the Godowns, where they will
be examined on Wednesday, the 24th February, at
9.30 A.M.

All Claims must reach us before the 29th
February, or they will not be recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
undersigned.

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI- GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, FUME, PORT SAID,
ADEN, COLOMBO, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"SILESIA,"
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed at
their risk, into the Godowns of the Hongkong
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited,
whence delivery may be obtained.

This Vessel brings Cargo—
From Levant ex s.s. Amphitrite, transhipped
at Port Said.
From Venice ex s.s. Venus, transhipped at
Trieste.

From Zanzibar ex s.s. Kleopatra, transhipped
at Aden.

Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless
notice to the contrary be given immediately.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods
have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be
sent in to the Office of the undersigned before
Noon, on the 27th February, or they will not
be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any
Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 27th
February will be subject to rent.

**SANDER, WIEBER & CO.,
Agents.**

Hongkong, 21st February, 1904.

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lands India to Siberia, in which Europeans reside.
Not only is the Directory as full and complete
in each case as it can be made, but each Colony,
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carefully revised each year, most of
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Tientsin	Wuhu	Canton
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LARGE PLAN OF THE CITY OF VICTORIA
PLAN OF PEAK DISTRICT, VICTORIA
PLAN OF KOWLOON
NEW PLAN OF MANILA
PLAN OF SINGAPORE
PLAN OF PENANG
PLAN OF BATAVIA

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The Sydney, with the French mail of 23rd January, left Saigon on Sunday, the 21st inst. at 4 p.m. and is expected here on or about Wednesday, the 24th inst. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on 20th December.

The Commodore, with the English mail of 23rd January, left Singapore on Sunday, the 21st inst. at 6 a.m. and is expected here on or about Saturday, the 27th inst. This packet brings replies to letters dispatched from Hongkong on 20th December.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dally and the Trans-Siberian Railway will be continued.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Kinsan	Tuesday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
Yokohama and Kobe	Haitan	Tuesday, 23rd, 9.07 A.M.
	Samban	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, India via Taticorin	Yarra	Tuesday, 23rd, 10.45 A.M.
(Late letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra postage 10 cents.)		
(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail)		

SHAN CHAI, NAGASAKI, KORE & YOKOHAMA
HONGKONG and SAN FRANCISCO
(A supplementary mail will be closed at 5 P.M.)

Straits and Hongkong	Gisela	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.00 P.M.
Macao	Heungshan	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Kowloon, Kowloon and Samshui	Tungshing	Tuesday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Silecia	Tuesday, 23rd, 4.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Johanne	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Whampoa	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Harlow	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Namtu	Taichun	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sanhu	Hofu	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Tuesday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Kowloon and Samshui	Fatsan	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Borneo	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Haitan	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singaper and Bangkok	E. K. K. K.	Wednesday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Kowloon	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Portland O.	Longgang	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Singaper, Penang, and Calcutta	Longgang	Wednesday, 24th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and Vancouver	Tartar	Wednesday, 24th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Heungshan	Wednesday, 24th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Kowloon	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Tungshing	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Kowloon, Kowloon and Samshui	Hoam	Wednesday, 24th, 3.00 P.M.
Canton	Taichun	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Namtu	Hofu	Wednesday, 24th, 5.00 P.M.
Sanhu	Wingchat	Thursday, 25th, 7.30 A.M.
Macao	Heungshan	Thursday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Kowloon, Kowloon and Samshui	Tungshing	Thursday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe	Silecia	Thursday, 25th, 4.00 P.M.
Haiphong	Johanne	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
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Sanhu	Hofu	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Wingchat	Thursday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Kowloon and Samshui	Fatsan	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Borneo	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Haitan	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow, Singaper and Bangkok	E. K. K. K.	Friday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
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Singaper, Penang, and Calcutta	Longgang	Friday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Yokohama and Vancouver	Tartar	Friday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Hongkong Race, first day.
Performance, Theatre Royal, City Hall, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

22nd February.

ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	110 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand		110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight		110 1/2
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight		111 1/2
Credits at 4 months' sight		111 1/2
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight		111 1/2
ON PARIS.—	Bank Bills, on demand	239
Credits at 4 months' sight		243 1/2
ON GERMANY.—	Bank Bills, on demand	194 1/2
ON NEW YORK.—	Bank Bills, on demand	46
Bank Bills, at 60 days' sight		46 1/2
ON LONDON.—	Telegraphic Transfer	140 1/2
Bank, on demand		140 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	Telegraphic Transfer	140 1/2
Bank, on demand		140 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	Bank, at sight	71
Private, 30 days' sight		71 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA.—	Bank, on demand	94
ON HANKOW.—	Bank, on demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE.—	Bank, on demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.—	Bank, on demand	114 1/2
ON HONGKONG.—	Bank, on demand	14 p.m.
ON SINGAPORE.—	Bank, on demand	1 p.m.
ON HONGKONG.—	Bank, on demand	63
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		105.50
GOLD LEAF, 100 lbs, per seal		57.25
SILVER, 100 lbs, per seal		27 1/2

OPIUM.

22nd February.

Quotations are—	Allow 1/2 to 1 cent.
Malwa New	1800 to 1920 per picul
Malwa Old	1840 to 1860
Malwa Older	1800 to 1820
Malwa V. Old	1850 to 1870
Patna fine quality	1880 to 1900
Patna extra fine	1900 to 1920
Patna Old	1247 1/2 to 1267 1/2
Benares New	1242 1/2 to 1262 1/2
Benares Old	1242 1/2 to 1262 1/2

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE FRENCH MAIL.
The M.M. steamer Sydney left Saigon on the 21st inst. at 3 p.m. for this port, and is due here on the 24th inst.

THE INDIAN MAIL.
The steamer Gregory Agar, from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst. a.m. The Indo-China steamer Laisang left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 1st prox.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.
The P. & O. steamer Coronado left Singapore for this port on the 21st inst. at 3 p.m., and is due here on the 27th inst. at about 6 a.m.

THE GERMAN MAIL.
The Imperial German mail steamer Preussen left Colombo on the 20th inst. p.m., and may be expected here on the 2nd prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.
The P.M. steamer Korea, from San Francisco, left Honolulu on the 22nd inst. a.m., via Inland Sea, and is due here on the 3rd prox.

THE OCEANIC MAIL.
The O. & O. steamer Gaelic left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu &c., on the 10th inst.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.
The P. & O. steamer Nankin left Singapore for this port on the 18th inst. at noon.

The A.A. steamer Bremen, from New York, is due here on the 22nd inst.

The Glenelg steamer Glenelg, from London, &c., left Singapore on the 21st inst., and is due here on the 28th inst.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 22nd February.

COMPANY	PAID UP	QUOTATIONS.
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$33, sellers
Nat'l Bank of China	28	\$34, buyers
A. Shares	28	\$34, buyers
B. Shares	21	\$10
Bank of China	21	\$10
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Sec.	Sec.
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